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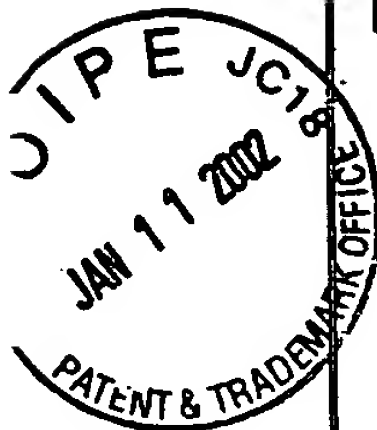
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**ROBERT H. EDWARDS,
ELIZABETH E. BELLOCCHIO,
ROBERT T. FREMEAU, JR., and
RICHARD J. REIMER**
Application No.: 09/915,181

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Filed: 07/24/2001

For: **NOVEL GLUTAMATE
TRANSPORTERS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO
ACCOMPANY NOTICE OF MISSING
PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on September 10, 2001 containing instructions to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month;
- 2) An initial Computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing; and
- 3) An initial paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

Please amend the claims and/or specification as follows

IN THE SPECIFICATION.

After the abstract, please insert the accompanying sequence listing (pages 1-18).

Delete paragraph 44 on page 14 and insert the following:

--[0044] Figure 1 shows a VGLUT3 nucleic acid (SEQ ID NO:1), its complement (SEQ ID NO:2), and a VGLUT3 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:3).--